



Temporary Timber Positions

**Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep) & (Timber Sale Improvement)
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**Cascade, Emmett, Idaho City, Lowman, and Mountain Home
Boise National Forest**

Timber Technicians support the forest Timber program.

The work is performed in a forest environment where the terrain may be steep, uneven, rocky, and covered with thick and tangled vegetation. Temperatures may range from very hot and dry to cool and extremely wet. Rain, snow, wind, or dust may be encountered. Use painting and cleaning products. Work requires the use of safety equipment such as boots, gloves, and hardhats.

Duties: Timber Sale Prep

Selects and marks individual trees for harvest using well defined marking guidelines, silvicultural prescriptions, and specific instruction.

For 3-p sampling, estimates individual tree volume by established methods.

Traverses harvest units, processes information and produces maps.

Designates sale area and cutting unit boundaries on the ground.

Interprets Aerial Photos and locates ground features.

For timber cruising, serves as tally person and may operate electronic field data recorders. Assists in the measure of limiting distances, tree diameter, tree height, estimation of defect and quality, and related fundamental timber cruising procedures. Timber cruising is done under the direct supervision of a qualified timber cruiser.

Observes and reports areas of possible archeological significance, and sightings of sensitive, threatened or endangered wildlife species.

Participates in other aspects of resource management support work such as recreation, maintenance, silviculture, tree planting, etc.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Timber Sale Improvement

Inspects silvicultural contract work (e.g., genetic tree improvement, planting, thinning, seeding, site preparation) for compliance with contract. Explains steps necessary for compliance to contractor and reports violations to COR. May act as COR on various silvicultural contracts.

Examines sapling and larger stands to collect and record data on stocking, density, condition, insects, disease, site index, and ground vegetation. Makes recommendations for areas requiring remedial action.

Examines plantations to assess numbers of tree seedlings present, condition, and growth and survival rates, and evidence of animal, insect or disease damage.

Selects prospective parent seed trees using established procedures to determine which trees have superior growth characteristics.

Determines the relative abundance and species of seed cones by observing the developing cone and pollen buds.

As assigned, performs resource work in other functional areas, including fire suppression as qualified.

Housing

Some housing may be available. Check with contact person at the duty station.

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